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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

File Ref: Lease 7874; A2640

Item: 36

Title: General Lease - Public Agency Use - Lease 7874

Location: Sovereign land crossing the Merced River, near Livingston, Merced County.

Description: Authorize issuance of a General Lease – Public Agency Use beginning March 1, 2021, for a term of 25 years, for the continued use and maintenance of six existing overhead transmission lines and one existing overhead fiberoptic line.

Name of Approving Public Agency: California State Lands Commission

Name of Proponent (Person or Agency): Merced Irrigation District and Turlock Irrigation District

Exempt Status:

 $[\sqrt{\ }]$ Categorical Exemption:

CLASS 1, EXISTING FACILITIES (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2905, subd. (a)(2))

Reasons for exemption:

Issuance of a 25-year General Lease – Public Agency Use for the above-mentioned structures will not cause a physical change in the environment and will not change existing activities in the area. There is no reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Therefore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and the above categorical exemption applies.

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